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Irwin R. Will,
OPTOMETRIST,
Laclede, Missouri

Oak Arbor Items

On New Year's eve an oyster supper was given at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Heckman. Altho the unfavorable weather and illness kept many at home, about thirty were present and enjoyed music and games and feasting. Paul Sensintaffar was awarded a box of candy for being the closet guesser on the number of grains of corn in a glass. After the New Year was ushered in the neighbors departed wishing this to be only one of many happy evenings for the neighborhood.

The Oak Arbor school closed for the holidays December 23. On that evening a most pleasing program was given by the school and the young people of the neighborhood. The program was followed by the appearance of Santa Claus who found presents and a candy treat for everybody in the neighborhood.

Miss Beulah Berry entertained a number of young people Thursday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Calla Wright. Those present enjoyed themselves playing rook and other games. Light refreshments of home made candy and apples were served.

The Sunday school which has been so very successfully superintended by Jay Stark will be closed till weather conditions are more favorable.

Miss Lillian Sensintaffar, a teacher in the Jefferson City high school spent the vacation with her parents and neighborhood friends.

A number of people of the neighborhood have been ill. The epidemic, influenza, has been the cause of most of the illness.

Mrs. S. K. Wright and family of Carrollton very happily spent the Yuletide days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stark.

Jay Stark left for Columbia Sunday to attend the farmer's week program given at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marsh spent vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John Duckworth.

The Milan Republican, one of the leading republican papers of this part of the state, believes no better candidate could be selected to lead the republicans of Missouri to a splendid victory this year than Hon. John E. Swanger, ex-secretary of state and state bank commissioner, now editor of the Daily Capital at Sedalia.

Henry H. Chinn, formerly of Laclede now clerk at the Elliott hotel in Brookfield, was married December 24 to Miss Laura G. Murrain of Brookfield, the pastor of the Methodist church, Dr. F. L. Geyer, performing the ceremony.

Here and There

Mrs. John Gartner visited her son and family in Linneus Tuesday. W. L. Downey of Fayette visited here last week with his son, Ira and family.

Mrs. Edna Llande of Kansas City is visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Weaver.

B. Ward Welsh has returned to St. Louis after spending the holidays with home folk here.

Mrs. John Murphy spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Kephart and family at Novinger.

Mrs. John Peters of Chillicothe visited her sister, Mrs. Johannah Mathiasch here last Friday and Saturday.

J. B. Jones, township collector, was at Linneus Monday and made his monthly settlement with the county court.

Mrs. O. E. Calloud was here from Brookfield Tuesday and rented her farm southeast of town to A. R. Havens for another year.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church by the pastor next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. All cordially invited.

Geo. L. Kranz delivered an unusually fine bunch of hogs here to M. F. Clay last Saturday. There were 23 head and they averaged 320 pounds.

Col. D. G. Shiflett of Meadville, one of the liveliest auctioneers in the county, was in Laclede on business Tuesday and called and renewed for another year.

W. S. Mahurin and E. R. Barton have been drawn from this township to serve as jurors in the February term of the circuit court to be held at Brookfield.

Sherman Luyster is building a cattle barn 70x66 on his farm north of Laclede. The lumber and other building material is being hauled out from Hamilton's lumber yard.

Chas. B. Henley has bought a tractor to furnish power for his hay baler and to move the machine about and will use it next season to plow and do other farm work with.

Noah R. Wilson, one of our appreciated subscribers on route two, called Tuesday and paid for another copy to be sent a year to his sister, Mrs. C. H. Winrod at Wichita, Kansas.

Mayor E. M. Lomax of Brookfield has appointed the following well known citizens delegates to the national drainage congress which meets at Cairo, Illinois, January 19-21: E. B. Allen, Walter Brownlee, R. L. Wheeler, A. C. Carpenter and G. F. Duker.

Mrs. J. M. McDonnell received a very fine piano Christmas, Mr. McDonnell having bought one of the celebrated Kohler & Campbell players. They are now enjoying some excellent music in their most comfortable home on route one. Among the others who joined the Christmas piano club conducted by Jerome C. Brown, our local dealer, are Mr. Althen of St. Paul and Mr. Groom of Des Moines.

A neighborhood surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bagwell by the people of the Locust Creek district on Monday evening, December 27, just before their removal to their new home on the Goosey farm in the southeast part of the township. An oyster supper was enjoyed and a general good time had. Those present were J. L. Mouser, wife and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonnell, and family, C. N. Ausmus, wife and daughter, Miss Rena, J. W. Wallace, James and Sam McDonnell, Orbid Burnett and Ernest Ausmus.

Methodist Church Notes

H. J. Duker, Pastor.

Revival meetings are now held every day, beginning promptly at 7:30 p. m.

Subject of Sunday morning sermon, "Lessons concerning Pentecostal Measure of Blessings."

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Last Sunday it was agreed by a vote practically unanimous that every member of the Sunday school, pupil and teacher, would be in the church on time. Certainly an excellent New Year's resolution! Wm. Kraft, superintendent.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Topic: "The Beatitude of the Bringer of Good News." Miss Enla May Estes, leader.

Revival service at 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon, "The Great Sin of Laclede."

American Reading Circle

The American Reading Circle held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. E. E. Benson Tuesday evening, December 28. Mrs. C. C. Bigger was leader of the lesson which was "Development, Art of Living and Intellectual Life," and was enjoyed by all. The guests of the evening were Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Etta Foreman, Mrs. Mamie Sipple of Moberly, and Miss Daisy Rankin and Miss Ruth Foreman. During the social hour the hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. M. P. Benson, served a three course luncheon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ella Standly January 10, Mrs. Edith Moore, leader.

For Sale

A good 160-acre stock farm, three miles from Renick, Mo. Well fenced, 80 acre hog tight. Six-room house, large rooms, bath room, pantry, two closets, three porches, house recently re-shingled. Barn, 34x34x12, has new roof; hog-house, 16x30; ice house and buggy shed combined, 18x32; double crib, 18x24; smoke house, 13x14; two hen houses, one 10x12, other 8x12; coal house 8x10; concrete cave 6x10; separator house, 8x10; cattle shed, 18x28, wind mill; one living well; two cisterns; mail route and telephone line. All under cultivation. Will be sold at a bargain and on easy terms if sold before March 1. If interested, address the owner.

T. F. CRABB, Renick, Mo.

Beginning of Papal Power.

The papal power was established in 492 A. D. by Gelasius, bishop of Rome, the will of the monarch being made subordinate to that of the pope.

Great Discovery Despised.

Harvey's theory of the circulation of the blood was considered so ridiculous, at the time of the discovery, that for ten years not a single patient consulted him.

Justice.

Justice is a habit of the mind which attributes its proper dignity to everything, preserving a due regard to the general welfare.—Cicero.

Aerial Navigation Not New.

Researches into the principles of aerial navigation date back to the fourteenth century.

Optimistic Thought.

There is a thousand times more goodness, wisdom and love in the world than men imagine.

Convenient Parachute.

A parachute for aviators that has been invented in England is compact enough to be worn in a helmet, ready for instant use.

Taking Pucker From Persimmons. Japanese remove the pucker from persimmons by inclosing ripe fruit for several days in air-tight casks that have contained sake, the native wine.

Cost of Criminality.

Maintenance of prisons in England costs \$2,330,000 a year.

Daily Thought.

It is fear I stand most in fear of. For in sharpness it surmounteth to all other accidents.—Montague.

To Be Taken Literally.

The curtain had dropped on the first act of the amateur play. "Ladies and gentlemen," said the youthful stage manager, stepping to the front of the stage, "you will observe that the program says that there is an interval of two years between the first and second acts. This will be fully carried out. The leading lady has just swallowed the powder puff under the impression that it was a marshmallow, and I think it will be about that time before she will be able to go on."

Riches in Honduras.

Honduras is a rich country and its resources remain in almost a virgin condition. It possesses a climate that varies with its topography, the temperature on the coasts being hot, in the lowlands of the interior it is warm and in the mountains it is temperate and in some places cold. Its mountains abound in minerals, and its tablelands and valleys are especially adapted for raising cattle and for agriculture.

Restrictions on Wills.

In Argentina the laws provide that a father must leave his children four-fifths of his fortune, and a husband, if he has no children, has to leave all of his property to his wife. An unmarried son is compelled to leave his parents two-thirds of his property, and only unmarried persons without parents or descendants can make wills disposing of their possessions as they see fit.

Wit Always Welcome.

Wit makes its own welcome and levels all distinction. No dignity, no learning, no force of character can make any stand against good wit. It is like ice, on which no beauty of form, no majesty of carriage, can plead any immunity; they must walk gingerly, according to the laws of ice, or down they must go, dignity and all.—Emerson.

"West Not New."

It will never do to talk about the "new" West. Dr. Charles D. Walcott says that near Helena, Mont., are found the oldest animal remains now known, and also the oldest authentic vegetable remains. Some years ago he discovered the remains of crablike animals, suggesting in form fresh water crabs found the world over.

At Least Had Him Thinking.

"Don't you feel that you are called on to do something for your fellow-men?" asked the indefatigable philanthropist. "I don't know whether I am or not," answered the practical man, "but the unanimity with which my fellow men seem to expect it sometimes makes me think that I am."

Prevention for Preventers.

There are now in existence so many societies for the prevention of so many different things, and so many more being formed all the time for the prevention of other things, that it would be a good idea to inaugurate a few societies for the prevention of societies for the prevention of things.

Misfit.

Ad in a New York paper: "Wanted—Bookkeeper and salesman. Must have one leg shorter than the other." We were about to telephone this opportunity to a friend, when we suddenly remembered that what he had was one leg longer than the other.

Ingrate.

A Birmingham man is suing a motorist who ran over him. Is it possible that there is a man in all this country so devoid of gratitude as not to be thankful to the motorists that he is permitted to live?—Nashville Banner.

At the End of Forty-Eight Hours.

"Papa certainly didn't manage this European trip very well. He said we'd be in Rome two days, but he made a mistake and it's three—and now we've seen everything, and there's absolutely nothing to do for a whole day."—Lippincott's.

Importation of Birds.

The department of agriculture is suing about 500 permits annually for the importation of birds; the number of birds imported amounts to about 500,000, and as many as 17,000 birds arrive in a single day.

Obituary.

An Illinois hunter the other day crawled through a barbed wire fence, pulling his gun after him. No surer method has ever been discovered. The funeral was well attended.—Providence Journal.

No Hurry at All.

"Your wife has a muscular affection which renders her speechless. I can cure her, but it will take time." "Take all the time you want, doc," responded the mean man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Valuable Unused Land.

Experts estimate that unused land lying at either side of the country roads is capable in many cases of bearing 500 bushels of corn to the mile strip. Thousands of miles of the best European roads are only a rod wide, but Uncle Sam's edge trimming still is largely a matter of theory.

Extend Production of Camphor.

Experiments by the Japanese government of producing camphor by distilling the leaves and branches of camphor trees have reached a stage at which 317 gallons of distillate are produced from each 400 pounds of leaves.

Chinese Joss Sticks.

Two of the ingredients of Chinese joss sticks are acornite, to protect them from rats and mice, and camphor, which makes them burn steadily.

Fault Sure to Be Punished.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.—Henry Ward Beecher.

And She Usually Does.

The same girl may appear divine to a young man, bovine to the disinterested observer, and feline to another woman.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Absolute Truth.

Short—"If the collector calls with that bill, tell him I'm out." Mrs. Short—"But that would be a lie." Short—"No, it wouldn't; I am out of cash, ain't I?"—Boston Transcript.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary E. Lomax, deceased, that I, W. M. Lomax, administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of Probate Court of Linn County, State of Missouri, to be held at Linneus, on the 14th day of February, 1916.

W. M. LOMAX,
Administrator.

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